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[Duluth, MN] Mayor Emily Larson was elected to the National League of Cities (NLC) board of directors by NLC's membership at the 2021 virtual City Summit. Mayor Larson was elected to a one-year term and will provide strategic direction and guidance for NLC's federal advocacy, governance and membership activities. She will also chair the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Federal Working Group. NLC is the largest and most representative organization for cities, their elected leaders and municipal staff, and advocates for city priorities in Washington by building strong federal-local partnerships.

"I am deeply honored to be asked to join the National League of Cities board of directors," Mayor Larson said. "We are leading nationally in so many ways on the local level as it relates to sustainability and energy and I look forward to sharing the work that we have done in Duluth, while influencing federal policy to advance a national agenda and continuing to learn from colleagues around the country."

As a member of the board, Mayor Larson will meet in March, June and November to guide NLC's strategic direction. Board members are selected by a 15-member nominating committee and are confirmed by a vote from NLC's membership at the organization's annual business meeting.

"The National League of Cities board of directors serves an important role in determining the direction of our organization's priorities and policies," said NLC President Mayor Vince Williams of Union City, Georgia. "NLC's board of directors is made up of dedicated local leaders from across our nation, committed to fulfilling the promise of America's cities, towns and villages. I look forward to working with each member to reclaim, renew and reimagine our communities from the wake of the COVID-19 crisis in our country."

More than 1,000 mayors, councilmembers and other delegates from nearly every state and the District of Columbia convened virtually for City Summit. Local leaders are on the frontline of the nation's most pressing challenges and pioneering innovative solutions that move our cities, towns, and villages forward.

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